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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA

REF: MADRID 3357; RABAT 2368; MADRID 3359.

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. YOU MAY TELL FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA THAT USG POSITION ON SAHARA HAS NOT CHANGED AND THAT WE STILL HOPE THAT PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY. WE ARE CONCERNED OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND INTEND TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH MOROCCANS. FYI. AFTER AMBASSADOR NEUMANN MEETS WITH LARAKI YOU MAY GIVE CORTINA MORE DETAILED BRIEFING. END FYI.

2. WHEN DISCUSSING SAHARA WITH CORTINA YOU MIGHT ASK FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF STATUS OF ICJ ADJUDICATION OF MOROCCAN CLAIM AND ANY OTHER CURRENT OR PLANNED DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO RESOLVE DISPUTE. INGERSOLL

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